

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1453 – SB 2242

February 16, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Imposes a two-year moratorium on the use of student achievement data, derived from the new TNReady assessments, from being used for evaluating teacher performance beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year.

Requires the State Board of Education (SBE), in consultation with the Department of Education, to study the accuracy of answers to the test questions supplied by the TNReady assessment vendor and the relevance of the questions to the curriculum associated with the test.

The SBE shall issue a report to the Education Committees of the General Assembly by March 1, 2017, and each year thereafter, detailing the accuracy of the TNReady assessment and answers in evaluating students and teachers.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$85,500

Assumptions:

- The TNReady assessment's administration began in the 2015-2016 academic year for the subjects of math and English language arts in all 145 school districts.
- The SBE will employ one additional personnel to oversee the annual compilation of this report and coordinate annual study committees to test for validity, reliability, depth of knowledge, and content.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures for one additional position is estimated to be \$85,500 (\$60,000 salary + \$15,500 benefits + \$10,000 miscellaneous expenses).
- The Board will form annual committees to determine test quality elements and compare the accuracy of the test to the curriculum.
- One review committee for each assessment will be formed annually for each local education agency (LEA) since the curriculum of each LEA varies and at least a part of the TNReady assessment will be refreshed annually.
- Committees will perform the review within the LEA and then send their report to the coordinator electronically within existing LEA resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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